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SUBJECT: JAPANESE APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN OAS

1. THE OAS POLITICAL/JURIDICAL COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 6 CONSIDERED JAPAN'S APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN THE OAS. DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT THERE IS NO OPPOSITION TO APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION, BUT WHEN SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S., REQUESTED A BIT MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE DEFERRED ONE WEEK. THE OAS SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT A MORE THOROUGH REPORT ON JAPAN'S SUPPORT FOR OAS ACTIVITIES IN THE HEMISPHERE.

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2. WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN THE APPROVAL OF JAPAN'S APPLICATION, AND WILL SUPPORT IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY WHEN THE MATTER COMES UP FOR A VOTE. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO LET THE MATTER PASS WITHOUT FULL CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT OAS OBSERVERSHIP TO BECOME IN EFFECT AUTOMATIC FOR ANY EXTRA-HEMISPHERE POWER. ALSO CONSIDERATIONS OF FACE WITH REGARD TO THE BRITISH APPLICATION, WHICH HAS LANGUISHED FOR A YEAR BECAUSE OF THE BRITISH HONDURAS DISPUTE WITH GUATEMALA, SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE UNSEEMLY TO ZIP THE JAPANESE (WHO HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED THE RESOURCES TO OAS ACTIVITIES THAT THE BRITISH HAVE) RIGHT THROUGH. WE HAVE INFORMED THE JAPANESE EMBASSY (ONO) OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE, AND ASSURED THEM OF OUR SUPPORT.

3. THE PORTUGUESE APPLICATION IS ALSO LANGUISHING. IT WAS REFERRED TO THE POLITICAL/JURIDICAL COMMITTEE "FOR CONSIDERATION" BUT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED FURTHER OUT OF CONCERN THAT IT WILL NOT RECEIVE THE NECESSARY VOTES. THE BLACK CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ARE OPPOSED, AND SEVERAL LATIN COUNTRIES WOULD PROBABLY MAKE THEIR OAS POSITION CONSISTENT WITH THEIR VOTES IN THE UN ON MATTERS CONCERNING PORTUGAL. RUSH

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